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Serial No. 10/444,853

Filed: May 23, 2003

Title RNA Interference Mediated
Inhibition of Gene Expression Using
Chemically Modified Short
Interfering Nucleic Acid (siNA)

Examiner: Amy Hudson Bowman

Group Art Unit: 1646

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir,

In regard to the above identified application,

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a) Response to the Final Office Action mailed May 17, 2005.

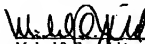
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Respectfully submitted,


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Sir/Madam:

Please consider the following amendments and remarks made in response to the final office action mailed May 17, 2005.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.